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In Re the Application of:

BAR-OR et al.

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For: "METAL-BINDING COMPOUNDS
AND USES THEREFOR"Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement is filed in response to a Restriction Requirement having a mailing date of January 14, 2003. This response is believed to be timely and therefore, no fees are enclosed. In the event that fees are due in connection with this response, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Prior to the Examiner's review of the claims on the merits, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 85, 105, 109, 113, 117, 140, 163, 186-210, 234, 238, 242, 265, 288-311, 332 and 352, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

REMARKS

The Examiner has issued a Restriction Requirement. Applicants hereby elect Claims 1-58 (Groups 1 and 2) with traverse. As discussed below, the nature of the Examiner's division of Groups 1 and 2 into two subgenera is not understood and so Applicants are unable to determine what is encompassed by Group 1 as opposed to Group 2. By the above amendments, the remaining claims have been canceled. Accordingly, the pending claims are now Claims 1-58.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
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